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OGMCOAL - Re: Star Point draft public notice

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From: "Richard B. White" <rbwhite@earthfax.com>
To: Kevin Lundmark <kevinlundmark@utah.gov>
Date: 3/25/2010 10:41 AM
Subject: Re: Star Point draft public notice
CC: Dennis Ware <dware@foundationcoal.com>, Jim Smith <jimsmith@utah.gov>, ...
Attachments: Public Notice.doc

Kevin:

I have added the Carbon County Courthouse to the public notice as a location where the application can be reviewed, in addition to the DOGM office in Salt Lake. Let me know if the attached looks okay.
Thanks.

Rich

Kevin Lundmark wrote:

Rich,

Thank you for sending the revised draft public notice. The notice should specify that a copy of the application is available for public review at UT DOGM and at the Carbon County Courthouse. With this additional change, the notice meets the requirements of R645 and may be published. We will send an Administrative Completeness Review letter shortly.

Regards,
Kevin

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>>> "Richard B. White" <rbwhite@earthfax.com> 3/24/2010 4:33 PM >>>
Kevin:

Dennis Ware asked that I send the attached revised draft public notice to you for your review. Please let us know if it meets your needs.

Sincerely,

Rich White
EarthFax Engineering, Inc.

Public Notice

**Application for Permit Area Reduction
Post-mining Land Use Change, and
Phase III Bond Release
Star Point Mine
Plateau Mining Corporation
Permit ACT/007/0006, Approved 28 Jan 2007**

Notice is hereby given that Plateau Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 30, Helper, Utah 84526, a subsidiary of Alpha Natural Resources, Inc., has filed an application with the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for a reduction in the Permit Area and change in post-mining land use from wildlife to industrial for a 40-acre parcel and Phase III bond release for an 8-acre parcel associated with Permit ACT/007/0006. The reduction in the permit area applies to land comprising the SE/4 SE/4 Sec. 9, T. 15 S., R. 8 E. The post-mining land use of this parcel will change from a currently approved wildlife use to an industrial use. The Phase III bond release applies to 8.0 acres of previously disturbed but subsequently reclaimed land within the aforementioned parcel. The purpose of this change is to allow sale of the parcel for oil and gas development on fee surface within the Drunkards Wash Unit under the provisions of the Utah Coal Mining and Reclamation Act pursuant to R645-301-413.300 of the Utah Coal Program Regulations.

The affected lands are located in Carbon County and can be found on the Wattis U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle. Copies of the complete permit application are available for public inspection at the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801) and at the Carbon County Courthouse (120 East Main, Price, Utah 84501).

Reclamation of the Star Point Mine site began in February 2000. Phase II bond release for the site was issued by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining on June 12, 2008, indicating that backfilling, regrading, replacement of topsoil, installation of drainage control, and revegetation of the regraded lands had been achieved prior to that date in accordance with the operator's approved reclamation plan. Upon Phase II bond release, the surety bond filed by Plateau Mining Corporation to cover reclamation of the Star Point Mine was reduced to \$734,000. It is proposed that this bond amount be reduced by \$62,000 to \$672,000 upon Phase III bond release of the aforementioned 8.0 acres.

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will now evaluate the proposal to determine whether it meets all the criteria of the Permanent Program Performance Standards according to the requirements of the Utah Coal Mining Rules.

Written comments, objections, and requests for public hearing or informal conferences regarding this proposal may be address to:

Utah Coal Regulatory Program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

The closing date for submission of such comments, objections, and requests for public hearing or informal conferences on the proposal must be received in writing by (Date).